

REMARKS

Claims 52-73 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the amended claims and remarks as set forth below.

By way of the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have corrected two errors which were presented in the claims in the previous Preliminary Amendment. In particular, the fifth paragraph of claim 52 has been deleted. Also, claim 67 has been amended to refer to "the locking code."

Applicants submit that neither of these changes involves any new matter. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment and full consideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

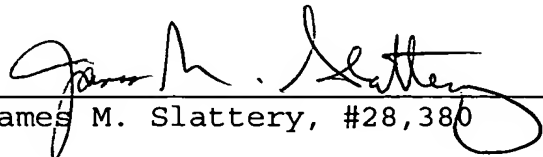
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert F. Gnuse (Reg. No. 27,295) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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